GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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FRAUD DETECTED AT IGI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fraud of Rs.8 crore has been detected at the IGI Airport (Air Cargo Division);

(b) if so, the details of the customs officials involved in the fraud with action taken against them;

(c) whether an information syndicate was working at the air cargo division in connivance with a few customs officials; and

(d)if so, the details thereof and action taken against the quilty persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. A case of attempted export related fraud has been detected in Air Cargo Unit of Delhi Customs wherein an exporter had misdeclared the true nature as well as value of the goods to get away with unwarranted benfits estimated at Rs.8 crore.

(b) Roles of one Preventive officer and one Supdt. of Customs working on export side who had handled theexport documents are under investigation. Both the officers have been placed under suspension.

(c)&(d) Further investigation is in progress to unearth the detailed modus-operandi and persons assosciated with this fraud. One person suspected of involvement in the case has been arrested so far and was remanded to judicial custody on 16.7.2001. Role of other persons involved is also being examined and further investigations in the case are in progress.